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REMARKS

Restriction/Election

The Examiner required restriction under 35 USC §121. Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I: claims 1-10 with traverse. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the requirement for restriction and that the requirement be removed. Claims 11-21 are to be held in abeyance for preparation of a divisional application in the event reconsideration is denied.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 6 are generic. In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 121, claims 1, 3-5, 6, and 8-10 of Embodiment 2 and FIG. 6 are elected with traverse.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants have amended page 6 of the specification to correct a typographical error for the 'micron' symbol. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0374 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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